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for the  
~~Eastern~~ District of California  
Ninth Division

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPUTY CLERK

Janae Meeks

Plaintiff(s)

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

-v-

Butte County

Defendant(s)

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names. Do not include addresses here.)

Case No. 2:22-cv-0472 KJM  
(to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS  
(Prisoner Complaint)

NOTICE

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 5.2 addresses the privacy and security concerns resulting from public access to electronic court files. Under this rule, papers filed with the court should *not* contain: an individual's full social security number or full birth date; the full name of a person known to be a minor; or a complete financial account number. A filing may include *only*: the last four digits of a social security number; the year of an individual's birth; a minor's initials; and the last four digits of a financial account number.

Except as noted in this form, plaintiff need not send exhibits, affidavits, grievance or witness statements, or any other materials to the Clerk's Office with this complaint.

In order for your complaint to be filed, it must be accompanied by the filing fee or an application to proceed in forma pauperis.

**I. The Parties to This Complaint****A. The Plaintiff(s)**

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name

All other names by which  
you have been known:

ID Number

Current Institution

Address

Jana Serene Opal Meeks  
178219  
Butte County Jail  
7 Gillick Way  
Oroville CA 95965-3331  
City State Zip Code

**B. The Defendant(s)**

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. Make sure that the defendant(s) listed below are identical to those contained in the above caption. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (*if known*) and check whether you are bringing this complaint against them in their individual capacity or official capacity, or both. Attach additional pages if needed.

## Defendant No. 1

Name

Job or Title (*if known*)

Shield Number

Employer

Address

Butte County Sheriffs Dept.  
the entire force  
7 Gillick Way  
Oroville CA 95965  
City State Zip Code

☐ Individual capacity ☒ Official capacity

## Defendant No. 2

Name

Job or Title (*if known*)

Shield Number

Employer

Address

Butte County Judicial Team  
in their entirety  
7 Gillick Way  
Oroville CA 95965-3331  
City State Zip Code

☐ Individual capacity ☒ Official capacity

## Defendant No. 3

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job or Title (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Shield Number \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Individual capacity ☐ Official capacity

## Defendant No. 4

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job or Title (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Shield Number \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Individual capacity ☐ Official capacity**II. Basis for Jurisdiction**

Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, you may sue state or local officials for the “deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws].” Under *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971), you may sue federal officials for the violation of certain constitutional rights.

A. Are you bringing suit against (check all that apply):

☐ Federal officials (a *Bivens* claim)☒ State or local officials (a § 1983 claim)

B. Section 1983 allows claims alleging the “deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws].” 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, what federal constitutional or statutory right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by state or local officials?

Sixth Amendment Rights Violations  
to a Speedy trial, Improper Order of  
hearings, untimely arraignment

C. Plaintiffs suing under *Bivens* may only recover for the violation of certain constitutional rights. If you are suing under *Bivens*, what constitutional right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by federal officials?

- D. Section 1983 allows defendants to be found liable only when they have acted "under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia." 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, explain how each defendant acted under color of state or local law. If you are suing under *Bivens*, explain how each defendant acted under color of federal law. Attach additional pages if needed.

### III. Prisoner Status

Indicate whether you are a prisoner or other confined person as follows (check all that apply):

- ☒ Pretrial detainee  
☒ Civilly committed detainee  
☐ Immigration detainee  
☐ Convicted and sentenced state prisoner  
☐ Convicted and sentenced federal prisoner  
☒ Other (explain)

Plea bargained to lesser charge detainee.

### IV. Statement of Claim

State as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant was personally involved in the alleged wrongful action, along with the dates and locations of all relevant events. You may wish to include further details such as the names of other persons involved in the events giving rise to your claims. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

- A. If the events giving rise to your claim arose outside an institution, describe where and when they arose.

Sheriff's that arrived on scene on Sept 11, 21 upon arresting Meeks and maintaining custody of Meeks failed to mandrize Meeks when transporting her to Butte County Jail.

- B. If the events giving rise to your claim arose in an institution, describe where and when they arose.

Butte County Jail-transport team assisted Meeks in participating in her untimely arraignment hearing on Sept 24, 2021 ultimately violating her Sixth Amendment Right to a speedy trial. Also, the overseeing judge Deems mandrized Meeks in open court.



C. What date and approximate time did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur?

Sept 11, 2020, Sept 24, 2020,  
Dec 22, 2021, Dec 27, 2021 & Dec 30,

D. What are the facts underlying your claim(s)? (For example: What happened to you? Who did what? Was anyone else involved? Who else saw what happened?)

\* Meeks distraught and mentally unstable at the time of her crime, was not maraudized by Oroville Police Dept. or Butte County sheriffs when both groups were on scene, Meeks should have been transported to Behavioral Health Crisis Unit upon being detained, yet Meeks was placed in Butte County jail where she attempted to hang herself with a sheet in a single cell.

V. Injuries

If you sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe your injuries and state what medical treatment, if any, you required and did or did not receive.

Meeks is in need of medical treatment. Upon leaving Butte County, Tehama County provided Meeks with two assessments for Behavioral Health where she received a therapist, twice monthly, and requested for therapist sessions once a week.

VI. Relief

State briefly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If requesting money damages, include the amounts of any actual damages and/or punitive damages claimed for the acts alleged. Explain the basis for these claims.

Punitive, Exemplary & Monetary relief the courts see fit.  
Meeks also request that the County of Butte dismiss all charges with prejudice in their entirety.

**VII. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies Administrative Procedures**

The Prison Litigation Reform Act ("PLRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), requires that "[n]o action shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under section 1983 of this title, or any other Federal law, by a prisoner confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are available are exhausted."

Administrative remedies are also known as grievance procedures. Your case may be dismissed if you have not exhausted your administrative remedies.

- A. Did your claim(s) arise while you were confined in a jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

☒ Yes  
☐ No

If yes, name the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where you were confined at the time of the events giving rise to your claim(s).

- B. Does the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose have a grievance procedure?

☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Do not know

- C. Does the grievance procedure at the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose cover some or all of your claims?

☐ Yes  
☒ No  
☐ Do not know

If yes, which claim(s)?

Butte County Jail never adhered to my request for a grievance.

I filled out an inmate request form that went ignored.

- D. Did you file a grievance in the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose concerning the facts relating to this complaint?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If no, did you file a grievance about the events described in this complaint at any other jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

☐ Yes

☒ No

- E. If you did file a grievance:

1. Where did you file the grievance?

No, I acknowledged my court appointed attorney of my not being marandized yet, he never mentioned it in open court

2. What did you claim in your grievance?

Request went ignored by a multitude of Butte County Sheriffs.

3. What was the result, if any?

NO RESULT

4. What steps, if any, did you take to appeal that decision? Is the grievance process completed? If not, explain why not. (Describe all efforts to appeal to the highest level of the grievance process.)

I have requested a grievance, yet, it went ignored.  
There is no appealable order from the Honorable Judge Deems.

F. If you did not file a grievance:

1. If there are any reasons why you did not file a grievance, state them here:

I attempted to file a grievance on several inmate request yet the went ignored.

2. If you did not file a grievance but you did inform officials of your claim, state who you informed, when and how, and their response, if any:

Inmate request forms were filled out yet only initials "32" were given on one form.

G. Please set forth any additional information that is relevant to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.

Meeks feels that any furtherance would

(Note: You may attach as exhibits to this complaint any documents related to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.)

Result in Retaliation from Butte County officials.

#### VIII. Previous Lawsuits

The "three strikes rule" bars a prisoner from bringing a civil action or an appeal in federal court without paying the filing fee if that prisoner has "on three or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

To the best of your knowledge, have you had a case dismissed based on this "three strikes rule"?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, state which court dismissed your case, when this occurred, and attach a copy of the order if possible.



- A. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action?

☐ Yes

☒ No

- B. If your answer to A is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. *(If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)*

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit

Plaintiff(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Court *(if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State)*

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Docket or index number

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Judge assigned to your case

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Is the case still pending?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, give the approximate date of disposition. \_\_\_\_\_

7. What was the result of the case? *(For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?)*

\_\_\_\_\_

- C. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court otherwise relating to the conditions of your imprisonment?

☐ Yes☒ No

D. If your answer to C is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. *(If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)*

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit

Plaintiff(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Court *(if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State)*

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Docket or index number

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Judge assigned to your case

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Is the case still pending?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, give the approximate date of disposition \_\_\_\_\_

7. What was the result of the case? *(For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?)*

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**IX. Certification and Closing**

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

**A. For Parties Without an Attorney**

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing:

Feb 13, 2022

Signature of Plaintiff

MK

Printed Name of Plaintiff

Janae Meeks

Prison Identification #

178219

Prison Address

1 Gillick WayOroville

City

CA

State

95965-33

Zip Code

**B. For Attorneys**

Date of signing:

Signature of Attorney

Printed Name of Attorney

Bar Number

Name of Law Firm

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS-CAND 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved in its original form by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the Clerk of Court to initiate the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

## I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Janae Meeks

## DEFENDANTS

Butte County

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)County of Residence of First Listed Defendant  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF  
THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Attorneys (If Known)

## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☐ 3 Federal Question  
(U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☒ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity  
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff  
and One Box for Defendant)

- |  |   |   |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Citizen of This State                      | PTF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | DEF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place<br>of Business In This State     | PTF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 | DEF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2                | Incorporated and Principal Place<br>of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5                | <input type="checkbox"/> 5                |
| Citizen or Subject of a<br>Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3                | <input type="checkbox"/> 3                | Foreign Nation   | <input type="checkbox"/> 6                | <input type="checkbox"/> 6                |

## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
110 Insurance	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	422 Appeal 28 USC § 158	375 False Claims Act
120 Marine	310 Airplane	365 Personal Injury – Product Liability	423 Withdrawal 28 USC § 157	376 Qui Tam (31 USC § 3729(a))
130 Miller Act	315 Airplane Product Liability	367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability		400 State Reapportionment
140 Negotiable Instrument	320 Assault, Libel & Slander	368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	<b>LABOR</b>	410 Antitrust
150 Recovery of Overpayment Of Veteran's Benefits	330 Federal Employers' Liability	<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	710 Fair Labor Standards Act	430 Banks and Banking
151 Medicare Act	340 Marine	370 Other Fraud	720 Labor/Management Relations	450 Commerce
152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)	345 Marine Product Liability	371 Truth in Lending	740 Railway Labor Act	460 Deportation
153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	350 Motor Vehicle	380 Other Personal Property Damage	751 Family and Medical Leave Act	470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations
160 Stockholders' Suits	355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	385 Property Damage Product Liability	790 Other Labor Litigation	480 Consumer Credit
190 Other Contract	360 Other Personal Injury		791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act	485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act
195 Contract Product Liability	362 Personal Injury -Medical Malpractice		<b>IMMIGRATION</b>	490 Cable/Sat TV
196 Franchise	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>	462 Naturalization Application	850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange
	440 Other Civil Rights	<b>HABEAS CORPUS</b>	465 Other Immigration Actions	890 Other Statutory Actions
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	441 Voting	463 Alien Detainee		891 Agricultural Acts
210 Land Condemnation	442 Employment	510 Motions to Vacate Sentence		893 Environmental Matters
220 Foreclosure	443 Housing/Accommodations	530 General		895 Freedom of Information Act
230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	445 Amer. w/Disabilities–Employment	535 Death Penalty		896 Arbitration
240 Torts to Land	446 Amer. w/Disabilities–Other	<b>OTHER</b>		899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision
245 Tort Product Liability	448 Education	540 Mandamus & Other		950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
290 All Other Real Property		550 Civil Rights		
		555 Prison Condition		
		560 Civil Detainee–Conditions of Confinement		

## V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation–Transfer ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation–Direct File

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

U.S.C. § 1983

Brief description of cause:

mandating skipped, untimely arraignment

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, Fed. R. Civ. P.

DEMAND \$

10,000

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  
JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY (See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

## IX. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT (Civil Local Rule 3-2)

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

☐ SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND☐ SAN JOSE☒ EUREKA-MCKINLEYVILLE

DATE

3/10/22

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

MKS